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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

The person signing below certifies that each item of information contained in the present Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the present statement. The enclosed reference was cited in a European application corresponding to

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the present application. A copy of the European Search Report dated April 19, 1999 is also

enclosed.

The present invention defines a specific method of imaging an erasable printing

form which is not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed reference.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the

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